

RESOLUTION

Proclaiming November, 2003 as Adoption Month in Cuyahoga County and encouraging participation in scheduled activities.

WHEREAS, the goal of National Adoption Month is to heighten the public awareness of our residents regarding the children awaiting adoption in Cuyahoga County. It also supports the men and women who work to provide children with support, safety and a sense of belonging.

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services is responsible for the welfare of the children placed in the custody of the County.

WHEREAS, many children are removed from the homes of their biological parents for reasons of abuse or neglect beyond their control and many of these children will never be able to return to their homes.

AND, WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services placed 544 children in adoptive homes during this year; however, many more children continue their search for a loving, permanent family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, hereby proclaims November, 2003 as Adoption Month in Cuyahoga County and encourages participation in scheduled activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio is pleased to officially recognize the many persons and families who have shared their mentoring and parenting talents, as well as, providing permanent homes on behalf of our most vulnerable citizens. We are honored to proclaim the month of November as National Adoption Month in Cuyahoga County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to copy to James McCafferty, Director, Department of Children & Family Services.

On Motion of Commissioner McCormack, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: McCormack, Jones, Dimora.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

**Penelope M. Hughes,
Clerk of the Board**

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